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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on Regulations
Relating to Passenger Carriers, Ridesharing,
and New Online-Enabled Transportation
Services.

Rulemaking 12-12-011
(Filed December 12, 2012)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to December 1, 2014.

Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that quasi-legislative cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. In this proceeding, the statutory deadline is October 2, 2014.

On December 12, 2012, the Commission instituted this rulemaking to protect public safety and encourage innovators to use technology to improve the lives of Californians. On September 23, 2013, the Commission mailed its first Decision (D.) 13-09-045 which adopted rules and regulations to protect public safety while allowing new entrants to the Transportation Industry. Two other decisions were issued to address rehearing of D.13-09-045 and intervenor

compensation request. There are a number of reasons why this proceeding will not be resolved by the October 2, 2014 deadline:

First, a decision modifying Decision (D.) 13-09-045 has been on the Commission's Agenda since July 10, 2014.

Second, on September 19, 2014, certain parties filed their six reports on issues as required by D. 13-09-045. Staff in the Safety and Enforcement Division will need time to evaluate the data and to provide analysis and recommendations regarding follow up regulatory inquiries.

Third, pursuant to D.13-09-045, the Commission intends to hold an en banc sometime towards the middle or end of October, 2014, to evaluate how its new regulations have worked to ensure public safety.

Fourth, the business model for transportation network companies is changing so the Commission must determine the appropriate regulatory framework that will promote both innovation and public safety.

Fifth, the Commission intends to open a phase two in this proceeding. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until December 1, 2014, is appropriate.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving quasi-legislative proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Robert Mason is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this quasi-legislative proceeding is October 2, 2014.
2. A new scoping memo is expected to be issued before the end of 2014.
3. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to provide sufficient time for review and to issue a new scoping memo.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to December 1, 2014.

IT IS ORDERED that:

The statutory deadline in this proceeding, October 2, 2014, is extended until December 1, 2014.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.